

# Jerusalem in Prophecy

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***Jesus Christ of Nazareth lamented over the city of Jerusalem because he knew its future in the hands of sinning men. What do the prophecies of the Old and the New Testaments say about the city of Jerusalem?***

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, and ***ye would not!***

“Behold, ***your house is left unto you desolate.***

“For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, *Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*” (Matthew 23:37-39). Jesus Christ lamented and said how many times he wanted to protect Jerusalem from disaster but the people didn’t want it to be so, therefore desolations came and will continue to come due to their rejection of Jesus as the Christ.

Jesus then said that he would remove his protection, when his presence was gone from the Temple, from Jerusalem “till” they acknowledge him as the Messiah. This will be of course when he comes again.

### **Jerusalem a Burdensome Stone**

Jerusalem has been a bone of contention for centuries. Zechariah called it a “burdensome stone” for all people (Zech 12:3). What does this mean? First, it’s a burden for “all people.” So this is not a local problem, but a global one.

The Psalmist said, “They that trust in the LORD *shall be* as mount Zion, *which* cannot be removed, *but* abideth for ever.” (Psalm 125:1). Jerusalem cannot be removed, so this stone, that is Jerusalem is, “...it seems to design the immovableness of the state and condition of Jerusalem, that those who attempt to remove her out of her place, or to make any alteration in her happy circumstances, will not be able to do it...Jerome makes mention of a custom in the cities of Palestine, and which continued to his times throughout all Judea, that large, huge, round stones, used to be placed in the towns and villages, which the youths exercised themselves with, by trying to lift them up as high as they could, by which they showed their strength; and the same ancient writer observes that a like custom obtained in Greece; for he says he himself saw in the tower at Athens, by the image of Minerva, a globe of brass, of at very great weight, which he, through the weakness of his body, could not move; and asking the meaning of it, he was told that the strength of wrestlers was tried by it; and no man might be admitted a combatant, until it was known, by the lifting up of that weight, with whom he should be matched; and the throwing of the ‘discus’ was an ancient military exercise, as old as the times of Homer, who speaks (z) of it; and is mentioned by Latin writers, as appears from some lines of Martial (a);” (Gill’s Commentary). Those that try to remove the set conditions in Jerusalem will not be able to do it. Its politics and policies, its religions, hatreds and points of views are ingrained in it and it will be a burden to anyone who will try to change it. The Jews say Jerusalem is their capital. The Muslims feel the same way. Peace talks are on, off, on, off, not one can come to an agreement.

God says, “all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces.” Those that take up this task of dealing with Jerusalem will, “be pressed down with the weight of it, and be utterly destroyed: or, ‘shall be torn to pieces’ (c); as men’s hands are cut and torn with rough and heavy stones”

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(ibid). In Daniel 11:45 we find just that. In the near future, the “King of the North” once he occupies Israel and the “glorious holy mountain” he “comes to his end.” He will try to take up the burden of dealing with Jerusalem, and will be cut into pieces, the end of his reign will happen. This we have identified as NATO, and the President of the USA. NATO will soon collapse as they deal with the burdensome stone that is Jerusalem.

### Cup of Trembling

In the same chapter Zechariah also prophesied, “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.” (12:2). This cup of trembling is the Judgment of God upon the nations that deal with her. Isaiah 51:17 says, “Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD *the cup of his fury*; thou hast drunken the dregs of *the cup of trembling*, and wrung them out.” It is the cup of God’s fury, anger against the peoples “round about.” This word is “sabyb” (Strong’s 5439). It comes from “sabab” (5437), meaning, “to revolve, surround or border;” These peoples are occupying Jerusalem, which we find the king of the North will do in the future, “And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas *in the glorious holy mountain*; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.” (Daniel 11:45; see also Luke 21:20).

The latter end of Zechariah then says, “...when they shall be in the siege both against Judah *and* against Jerusalem.” This verse translated, “gives a good sense, *but the Hebrew will not allow it.* Septuagint, En th Ioudaia estai perioch epi Ierousalhm , ‘In Judaea there shall be a blockade against Jerusalem;’ Vulgate, *Sed et Juda erit in obsidione contra Jerusalem*, which may mean that Judah shall be among those that besiege Jerusalem, or when Jerusalem is beset ***Judah shall suffer the same calamity.*** Pusey and Revised Version render, ‘And upon Judah also shall it *i.e.* ‘the burden’ be in the siege against Jerusalem.’ Cheyne, “And also on *or*, ‘over Judah it *i.e.* the protection and deliverance implied in the first clause of the verse shall be, in the siege,’ etc. Any interpretation of the passage which makes Judah join with the enemy in attacking Jerusalem is precluded by the very intimate union between Judah and Jerusalem denoted in verses 4-7, and by the hostility of the nations against Judah. Cheyne’s explanation is hardly a natural one, however suitable. Lowe (‘Hebr. Stud. Comm.’) renders, ‘And also on Judah *shall fall this reeling* during the siege *which is to take place* against Jerusalem.’ It seems best to render, with Alexander, ‘***Also against Judah shall it be in the siege against Jerusalem, i.e. not only the mother city, but all the country, shall be exposed to hostile invasion.*** This suits ver. 5, where the chieftains of Judah are represented as trusting in the valour of the inhabitants of Jerusalem when they are incurring the same danger.” (Pulpit Commentary, emphasis added). Not only the occupying powers of the king of the North will the judgment of God come, but also Judah. The great tribulation is coming upon Judah and *Israel*, “And these *are* the words that the LORD spake concerning ***Israel and concerning Judah.***

“For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a ***voice of trembling***, of fear, and not of peace.

“Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

“Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of ***Jacob's trouble***; but he shall be saved out of it.” (Jeremiah 30:4-7). The voice of trembling, the cup of trembling is coming upon these peoples. The King of the North is NATO, the house of Israel, the potter’s

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clay in the prophecies for the end time, (see Daniel 2:42, 11:45; Jeremiah 18:6). It is Israel, Britain and America that are the occupying power, and they will be besieged along with Judah, by the coming Beast power that will rise after NATO'S demise.

### The Siege of Jerusalem

The book of Obadiah clearly reveals that the forces of Judah and Israel are taken captive by the beast power in Jerusalem, "For *thy* violence against *thy brother Jacob* shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever.

"In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the *day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem*, even thou *wast* as one of them.

"But thou shouldst not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldst thou have *rejoiced over the children of Judah* in the day of their *destruction*; neither shouldst thou have spoken proudly in *the day of distress*.

"Thou shouldst not have entered into the gate of my people in the *day of their calamity*; yea, thou shouldst not have looked on their affliction in *the day of their calamity*, nor have laid *hands* on their *substance* in *the day of their calamity*;

"Neither shouldst thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldst thou have delivered up those of his that did remain *in the day of distress*." (1:10-14). Notice the phrases, the "day of their distress," the day of their "calamity," and "destruction." In these passages we also see Jacob AND Judah. Two separate people IN JERUSALEM! They have "forces" and "substance." NATO breaks apart and the USA and Britain go it alone with Judah in Israel. This shows the "siege" that Zechariah spoke of, of the carrying away of Jacob's forces into captivity.

Verse 16 includes the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, "For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, *so* shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been."

Revelation 11, John says that the Temple will be restored, "And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein." Now, Dr. Constable writes, "The 'temple' (Gr. *naos*, inner temple) refers to both the holy place and the holy of holies, excluding the courtyards. *This is evidently the temple that the Jews will build in Jerusalem*...Some interpreters who favor a more symbolic understanding of this verse take the temple as a reference to the church (cf. 1Co 3:16; 2Co 6:16; Eph 2:21; 1Pe 2:5). [Note: E.g., Johnson, pp. 499-502; Mounce, p. 221; and Swete, p. 132.]

"The church will be protected in the coming disaster. [Note: Morris, p. 147.]

"*However if the temple is the church, who are the worshipers, what is the altar, and why are the Gentiles segregated from it?*" (The Expository Notes, emphasis added). This clearly is the physical Temple that will be erected. The language given here of the measuring rod, and the angel, is "On the Basis of Zachariah's symbol of the man with the measuring line who measured Jerusalem as an assurance that the city would be rebuilt (see on Zech 2:2), it may be suggested that the measuring of the temple and the worshippers *here is also a promise of restoration and*

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**preservation**” (Verse by Verse Commentary on Daniel and the Revelation, p.800, emphasis added).

Ezekiel the 40th chapter we also see the measuring of the temple by an angel with the promise of restoration and preservation if they obeyed God, “Thou son of man, *show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern.*

“And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, show them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

“This is the law of the house; Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house” (43:10-12). So in Revelation, God is promising the restoration and the preservation of the temple of God before it's destroyed.

### **The Abomination of Desolation**

Jesus spoke of the “abomination of desolation” that will stand “in the holy place,” that will trigger this great tribulation. He refers back to Daniel’s prophecy see Matthew 24:15.

Daniel said, “And from the ***time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away***, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days.” (Daniel 12:11). Notice there is literal sacrifices that are “taken away.” When the sacrifices are taken away and the abomination “set up” will be 30 days, and then the 1260 or three and one half years, will be the tribulation period, which totals 1290 days.

Daniel says, “And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be for a time, times, and an half*; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the ***power of the holy people***, all these *things* shall be finished.”(v.7). Israel will be scattered, and their power gone. Scattered toward all the winds, and put into captivity.

Revelation 11 speaks of the same event. When the Temple is restored, “the holy city shall they tread under foot *forty and two months.*” (Rev 11:12). This is the siege of Jerusalem, and the burdensome stone that the western powers are going to burden themselves which is going to crush them in the end.

Daniel says that the entire period will be, “Blessed *is* he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. ” (Dan 12:12). 1335 days everything will have occurred.

The Bible says that the great tribulation is 1260 days (Daniel 7:25: 12:7; Rev 11:2-3). 42 months, 1260 days, a time times and a half a time all equal to 1260! A “Time” signifies a prophetic year...; and ‘times’ two prophetic years...; and half a time half a prophetic year...; ” (Gill’s Commentary). A year consists of 360 days. Two years is 720, and half a year is 180 which equal 1260.

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*Before* the tribulation is the setting up of the Abomination as noted above; the sacrifices will be instituted, and that when the sacrifices are taken away and the Abomination set up will be 30 days, *added* to that the great tribulation which equals 1290 days! (Dan 12:11).

The extra 45 days after the 1290 days equals 1335 days. Daniel was told “Blessed is he that waiteth...” Who “waits” for the coming of the Lord Jesus? Christians. They await his return and for the resurrection to eternal life as Job says, “If a man die, shall he live *again*? all the days of my appointed time *will I wait, till my change come*” (Job 14:14; see also 1 Corinth 15). So Christians are to wait 45 more days. What happens during this time?

Before the thrones are set up and for Christians to rule (Rev 20:4), Satan the Devil is taken out and put into the bottomless pit (Rev 20:1-3). The Beast and the False Prophet and taken care of as well (Rev 19:20), and the fowls clean up the land by devouring the flesh of the slain (Rev 19:21). In 45 days these events will take place, then comes the resurrection of the saints and the ruling of Jesus and his church, this totals 1335 days!



**Jerusalem and the Temple will be the trigger that will ignite the Great Tribulation**

### **Fulfilled Prophecies of Jerusalem**

Many do not realize that many prophecies of Jerusalem have been fulfilled in our modern day today. Genesis 49 speaks of Judah, “Judah... thy hand *shall be* in the neck of thine enemies... “Judah *is* a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?” (vv.8, 9). Judah in the “latter days” (v.1) will be a “lion’s whelp” meaning a cub, and young nation. The Israelis have only been in existence since 1948. Notice the language of being a lion pouncing on its prey ready to kill it when it wants to, and “as an old lion,” meaning that through experience fighting many wars, its fighting skills are like a mature lion even though it is a young nation. Who will rouse him? Their enemies know, like the war in south Lebanon only a few years ago, or the war in Gaza, that once roused, the Jewish army will pounce on its enemies like a lion, and has the capability to kill its enemies if it wants to. Other examples are the wars of 1956, 1967, 1973.

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The Six Day war in 1967 was a war that the Jews finally took over Jerusalem. Jerusalem was finally in the hands of the people of Judah. God had a hand in this war and was prophesied in your Bible!

Zechariah 12:4-6 clearly shows that Judah did not possess Jerusalem as of yet, while vv.1-3 reveals that it does. So these verses are speaking of different events! The future one will happen in vv.1-3.

“And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem *shall be* my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.” (Zechariah 12:5). The government of Israel at that time, “...demanded that the Old City be ‘liberated.’ On the night of June 5, even before the Jerusalem Offensive was well launched. Eshkol adjourned the cabinet meeting by insisting that ‘the Old City must be taken, to avert the danger of incessant bombardment [on Jewish Jerusalem]” (A History of Israel from the Rise of Zionism to our Time, by Howard M. Sachar, p.652, emphasis added). They needed Jerusalem for their strength, safety and protection from the Arabs, and so took the Old City.

“In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and **they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left:** and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.” (v.6). Judah (the Israelis) will “devour” people and regions on both sides of the Israeli nation. This was fulfilled when the Israelis conquered the Sinai Peninsula (from Egypt “on the left hand” of Israel as one looks at a map) and conquered the West Bank from Jordan and the Golan Heights from Syria (on the “right hand” of Israel as one looks at a map). Again, these victories and land seizures by Israel in its wars were prophesied millennia ago in the Bible to occur in our latter-day period of time. Notice also the prophetic phrase “Jerusalem will be inhabited again in her own place.” Jerusalem was always the capital of the ancient kingdom of Judah. This prophecy indicates that Jerusalem would again become the capital of the latter-day nation of Judah. This was fulfilled in 1967 when Israeli forces conquered the historic portions of the city of Jerusalem, and later made it the capital of the modern Israeli nation.



## Map of the conquered territories of the Six Day War in 1967

*Judah is in the middle, and Sinai,  
the West Bank, and the Golan  
Heights are on his right and his  
left hand. A perfect fulfillment of  
prophecy in our time!*

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Verse 4 of that same chapter says, “In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and ***I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah***, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.” “The meaning is, the enemies of God's people ***shall be astonished at the failure of their attempts, and be filled with fury and madness because they cannot accomplish their designs***; and shall be at their wits' end, not knowing what course to take” (Gill's Commentary). The Arabs of Syria, Jordon and Egypt were astonished at the failure of their attempt to destroy the nation of the Jews, and that includes the Russians who supplied them with tanks and armor. “Seven Egyptian divisions totaling 100,000 men had been crushed in less than 4 days...that no troops were left to defend Cairo...At general staff in Heliopolis, Marshal Abd al'Hakim Amer attempted to commit suicide, but was revived by his friends...The Egyptian President haggard and pale, appeared on Television to offer his resignation...[with] ***anguish and rage*** Moscow contemplated the Egyptian defeat...” (ibid, p.649, emphasis added). But God, “open his eyes upon Judah” meaning, “to watch over Judah's safety.” (JFB Commentary), and gave Judah the victory, and the city.

Another prophecy comes from Isaiah. He wrote that, “As ***birds flying***, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it.” (Isa 31:5). Airplanes had a lot to do with the liberation of Jerusalem by the British from the Turks! Isaiah saw something like "birds flying" trying to describe what he saw in his day! He saw Airplanes!

The News Papers at that time said: “The General commanding the Egyptian Expeditionary force reported that his planes were doing 'good work, 800 feet below sea level” (As Birds Flying over Jerusalem, by Covenant Books). Jerusalem was not even touched by any bomb, nor was a shot fired, as God promised to deliver it, and protect it.

On 11 December, General Allenby, the leader of the delivering forces, WALKED into Jerusalem through the “Gate of the Friend” (Jaffa Gate), outside which military guards were drawn up, ready to join the procession into the city. The guard on the one side was formed by soldiers from Great Britain, and on the other side by Australian and New Zealand troops, for it must be remembered that this deliverance was carried out entirely by forces of the British “nation and company of nations” (Genesis 35:11). General Allenby officially accepted the surrender of the Holy City from the foot of David's Tower, and a comforting proclamation was read in seven languages, telling the people that they could go quietly and undisturbed about their ordinary business, and all their holy places would be respected. Jerusalem was no longer “trodden down of the Gentiles” (Luke 21:24). The Turks, however, made up their minds to get Jerusalem back at any cost; they attacked the British line furiously. Massey tells us that on 27 December they made 13 determined attacks during the morning, but failed to pierce the defense. Prisoners taken revealed that they had been promised as an inducement that when they recaptured Jerusalem, they should have one day in the city to do just as they liked. Meanwhile, during this fighting, the inhabitants of the "delivered" city were on the roofs of their houses, praying that their British deliverers might have strength to withstand the attacks. We all know the result: the Turkish oppressor was driven off, and Jerusalem came under British protection. Who are the Turks? They are Edom today (read our booklet Turkey in Prophecy for details). In Ezekiel 25:14 we read of the prophecy of this event: “And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom [Turkey] by the hand of



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my people Israel: [Britain] and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord GOD.”

### **Jerusalem and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ**

During the time of the tribulation, Israel and Judah will be in captivity to the beast power. In the Old Testament he is called the “Assyrian.” Micah writes that out of Bethlehem shall come forth, “a ruler in Israel” (5:2). And, “... this *man* shall be the peace, when *the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces...* thus shall he [the ruler in Israel] deliver *us* from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.” (5:5-6). The Beast power will destroy Jerusalem and tread it down for three and one half years. Jesus said, “And they [Israel and Judah] shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: ***and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.***” (Luke 21:24).

The Beast has his occupying army in Israel at that time. Then God steps into the picture. He says, “I will also *gather all nations*, and will *bring them down* into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and *for my heritage Israel*, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.” (Joel 3:2). The valley of Jehoshaphat lies between Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives and has the Kedron flowing through it. But the gathering place is in the valley of Megiddo, or Armageddon, “And he *gathered* them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.” (Rev 16:16). There is no “battle of Armageddon.” It’s the gathering place of all nations, and enemies of Israel and Judah. God says after the gathering he will “bring them down” to “Jehoshaphat” in Jerusalem and plead for his people there. This meaning of pleading with the nations is to pass sentence on the nations, see Isaiah 66:16; Ezekiel 38:22. Why?

God says, “for my people and *for my heritage Israel*, *whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.*

“*And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.*

“Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly *and* speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;

“*Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things:*

“*The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border.*

“Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head:

“And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken *it.*” (Joel 3:2-8).

This is the future of America, Britain, and the Jews because they have forsaken God; God will allow this to happen to us because his protection is lifted due to our rejection of God.

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Also, notice God says his “gold” and “silver” they have taken into their temples. Again, the Temple in Jerusalem will be erected, but only for a short time before it’s destroyed. But it is at this time, that the American and the British, and the rest of the 12 tribes of Israel repent. The 144,000 of these people will be the chosen of God, and God will save them out of the great tribulation, see Revelation 7, and others as well, and God is going to save them from the heathen.

### **The Great Battle of God Almighty**

Then comes that great battle, “Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; *Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:*

“Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.

“Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

“Let the heathen be wakened, *and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.*

“Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness *is great.*

“***Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.***

“The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

“***The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.***

“So shall ye know that ***I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain:*** then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more” (Joel 3:9-17).



**A View of the valley of Jezreel, also known as the valley of Megiddo or Armageddon.**

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Notice Zechariah 14:2-4, “***For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.***

***“Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.***

***“And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.”*** God is going to gather all nations and the battle will be in Jerusalem. The latter end of that verse described the Great Tribulation when Jerusalem is trodden down for three and one half years. Young’s Literal Translation has it in the past tense, “And captured hath been the city, And spoiled have been the houses, And the women are lain with, Gone forth hath half the city in a removal, And the remnant of the people are not cut off from the city.” The rest of the verses describe the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

In Revelation the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter the same event is revealed, “And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

“His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

“And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

***“And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.***

***“And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.***

“And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

“And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

“That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men, both* free and bond, both small and great.

“And I saw the beast [The Assyrian Micah 5:5-6], ***and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.***

“And ***the beast was taken***, [Micah 5:5] and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

“And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.” (Rev 19:11-21). The last great battle is going to take place in Jerusalem! Here is where God pleads with all flesh for the sake of his people Israel. The Savior of Israel is going to come and save his people from these wicked nations.

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## **Jerusalem, the World Capital**

When Jesus comes back, first he will set up his throne, the throne of David in Jerusalem once again, “the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David...I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no *more*, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it *him*.” (Luke 1:32; Ezekiel 21:27). Currently that throne is in England, but it will eventually be overturned one more time to Jerusalem, where Christ will sit on that throne and rule the world on Mount Zion.

Zechariah 14 reveals the rule of Christ, “And the LORD shall ***be king over all the earth***: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one” (v.9). Christ will rule in Jerusalem and will rule the entire world from there. “And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem ***shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.***” (v.16). every year Jesus will demand the nations to go to Jerusalem to worship him on the Feast of Tabernacles. Christians should heed these words, because this feast must also be kept today. Those who do not go up God says, “And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto ***Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts***, even upon them shall be no rain. “And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that *have* no *rain*; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. “This shall be the punishment of Egypt, ***and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.***” (vv.17-19). as the bible says Jesus will rebuke many nations if they do not obey his rule. The current ruler of the world Satan the Devil is locked away, its time for God to rule when Jesus comes back, and the world will be totally different than what we see today.

Isaiah 2 again describes the rule of Christ, “And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. “And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: ***for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*** “***And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people***: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” (vv.2-4). God’s law, is going to be the Law of this world in the coming kingdom. The “no law” preachers should understand that the Law of God is valid, today, as it was in Old Testament times, in the Kingdom of God, and in New Testament times today for the Christian. Jesus is going to teach all nations the way of Salvation which through the keeping of the Law of God!

In the future WATCH for Jerusalem to become the focus of all of the world, and the final place where God Judges all people!